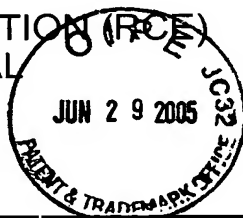


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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and have authorized that Debit Account #16-2025 be charged the requisite fee of \$790.00 for such request.

This RCE is being submitted as suggested by The Examiner during a recent telephone conversation with the undersigned attorney. The Examiner had issued a Notice of Allowance, and Notice of Allowance and Fees Due on February 1, 2005, whereby claims 16-20 were allowed. However, the Examiner wished to amend reasons for allowance and contacted Attorney Diane Meyers by telephone to discuss this matter. At that time, the

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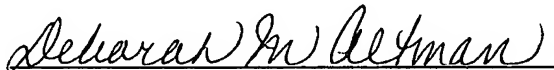
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Examiner and Attorney Meyers agreed that the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer would be appropriate. The Terminal Disclaimer was filed by way of facsimile on February 4, 2005. The Examiner also indicated that he would issue a supplemental Notice of Allowability. Apparently the period within which to pay the issue fee expired while Applicants awaited receipt of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability. The Supplemental Notice of Allowability was not issued until May 20, 2005, but was not accompanied by a substitute Notice of Allowance and Fees Due.

In the interest of moving the present application to issuance, the Examiner suggested that Applicants file the instant RCE.

A prompt allowance of claims 16–20 is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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